REMARKS

Claims 3, 6 and 17-23 are pending in the subject application with entry of this paper.

Please cancel Claims 4-5 and 7-16 without prejudice. Claims 1-2 and 4-5 were cancelled in a previous paper.

Applicant acknowledges the indicated allowability of Claim 23.

Claims 3, 6 and 17-22 stand rejected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

At paragraph 3 of the Action, the Office rejected Claims 1-2 and 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,162,252 to Kennedy. While Applicant disagrees with the merits of the rejection, Applicant has cancelled Claims 4-5 and 7-16 without prejudice. Applicant has amended independent Claims 3, 6, 17 and 19 to incorporate elements in allowed Claim 23 considered by the Office as patentable subject matter. Claims 18 and 20-22 are dependent upon amended independent Claims 17 and 19, respectively. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 3, 6 and 17-22 is respectfully submitted.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and, as such, it is earnestly requested that Claims 3, 6 and 17-23 be allowed to issue in a U.S. Patent.

If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with the Applicant's representatives will expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agents of record.

The Office is requested and hereby authorized to charge the appropriate extension-of-time fees against **Deposit Account No. 04-1679** to Duane Morris LLP.

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